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In the Application of :
 Bruno Johannes Ehrnsperger, et al. : Confirmation No. 1139
 Serial No. 09/849,554 : Group Art Unit 1724
 Filed May 4, 2001 : Examiner Ivars C. Cintins
 For USE OF ABSORBENT MATERIALS TO SEPARATE WATER
 FROM LIPOPHILIC FLUID

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed December 10, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows and consider the following remarks

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification:

On page 27, please replace the second paragraph beginning with line 11 and ending with line 23 with the following new paragraph:

Other particulate materials useful herein are the synthetic polymeric particles selected from the group consisting of polybutylene, polyethylene, polyisobutylene, polymethylstyrene, polypropylene, polystyrene, polyurethane, nylon, polytetrafluoroethylene, and mixtures thereof. Of these, the most preferred are polyethylene and polypropylene particles, with the oxidized versions of these materials being especially preferred. Examples of commercially available particles useful herein include the ACumist™ micronized polyethylene waxes available from